

Earthrise

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the score is available upon request

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About this work:

In the 24th of December of 1968, the fourth day of the Apollo 8 mission, astronaut William Anders took a photo of planet Earth rising, seen from the lunar orbit. This photo became known as Earthrise. The astronaut later said *“we came all this way to explore the moon, and the most important thing is that we discovered the Earth.”*

This work is an homage to our planet, a beacon of life in the voidness of space. It is set upon the following excerpts:

*“Oh my God! Look at that picture over there!
There’s the Earth coming up!”*

said by William Anders in Apollo 8’s 4th orbit
around the moon, before taking the Earthrise
picture

*“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness
was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved
upon the face of the waters.
And God said, let there be light: and there was light
And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided
the light from darkness”*

Genesis 1 verses 1-4, read by William Anders in
Apollo 8’s 9th orbit around the moon

*“And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called night.
And the evening and the morning were the first day.
And God said, let there be a firmament in the midst of the
waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which
were under the firmament from the waters which were above
the firmament: and it was so.
And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and
the morning were the second day.”*

Genesis 1 verses 5-8, read by James Lovell in
Apollo 8’s 9th orbit around the moon

*“And God said, let the waters under the heaven be gathered
unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering of the
waters he called Seas: and God saw it good.”*

Genesis 1 verses 9-10, read by Frank Borman in
Apollo 8’s 9th orbit around the moon

*“We shall never cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time”*

T. S. Elliot in “Little Gidding” from *Four
Quarters*

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an homage to planet Earth in
celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 8 mission

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Grandious ♩ ca. 60 **Fast, amazed** ♩ ca. 90

Soprano
Look! Look at that pic-ture o-ver there! mm

Alto
Look! Look at that pic-ture o-ver there! m

Tenore
Look! Look at that pic-ture o-ver there! mm

Basso
Look! Look at that pic-ture o-ver there! mm

Violoncello
mp

Piano
ff
M. ped. Ped.